

I. AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (currently amended) A computer-implemented system for accessing digital content, the system comprising a media device wherein said media device further comprises:

- a digital rights management system; and
- a rating engine;

wherein said media device, said and digital rights management system, and said rating engine are may be utilized by a consumer to perform ~~one or more~~ of the following function[[s]]:

[[a.]]

- download a digital content package;
- create a license rights package to be associated with said digital content package, said license rights package includes debitable parameters for accessing said digital content package;
- purchase said license rights package wherein said license rights package includes an account number for said consumer;
- download said license rights package to said media device;
- debit said license rights package when said consumer accesses said digital content package in accordance with a set of rights included in said license rights package; and
- when said license rights package is exhausted, renew said license rights package without contemporaneously connecting to a host system by storing a charge associated with charging said account number contained in said license rights package for selective transmittal to the host system.[[;]]

[[b.]]

- ~~— modify said license rights package and apply a difference to said account number contained in said license rights package.~~

[[c.]]

- ~~— download said license rights package to said media device;~~
- ~~— transfer said digital content package and said license rights package to a second~~

~~consumer;~~

~~—debit said license rights package when said second consumer accesses said digital content package in accordance with a set of rights included in said license rights package;~~

~~—modify said license rights package and apply a difference to said account number contained in said license rights package.~~

2. (currently amended) A computer-implemented system for accessing digital content as claimed in claim 18 [[1]] wherein, when said license rights package is exhausted, said second consumer may renew said license rights package by charging said account number contained in said license rights package.

3. (original) A computer-implemented system for accessing digital content as claimed in claim 2 wherein, when said license rights package is exhausted, said second consumer may renew said license rights package by charging, at said second consumer's option, a new account number and a new license rights package will contain said new account number.

4. (original) A computer-implemented system for accessing digital content as claimed in Claim 1 wherein said digital rights management system may access a license storage on said media device to determine if a set of license rights exist for an access desired by said consumer.

5. (original) A computer-implemented system for accessing digital content as claimed in Claim 4 wherein said digital rights management system will not allow access to said digital content package if an associated license rights package is not available.

6. (original) A computer-implemented system for accessing digital content as claimed in Claim 5 wherein said digital rights management system will prompt said consumer to procure a license rights package if said license rights package does not exist in said license storage.

7. (original) A computer-implemented system for accessing digital content as claimed in Claim 5 wherein said digital rights management system will prompt said consumer to renew a license rights package if said license rights package has been debited enough to trigger a predetermined expiration warning.

8. (original) A computer-implemented system for accessing digital content as claimed in Claim 5 wherein said digital rights management system will prompt said consumer to procure additional rights for a license rights package if said license rights package does not include said additional rights.

9. (currently amended) A computer-implemented system for accessing digital content as claimed in Claim 1 ~~further comprising:~~

~~—a rating engine;~~

wherein said license rights package (original license rights package) further comprises metadata which may be utilized by said rating engine to:

- calculate a cost for an additional license rights package without contemporaneously connecting to a host system; ~~and~~
- create a new license rights package further comprising said account number associated with said original license rights package; and
- selectively transmit a charge associated with said additional license rights package and said account number associated with said additional license rights package to said host processor.

10. (currently amended) A computer-implemented system for accessing digital content as claimed in Claim 1 ~~further comprising:~~

~~—a rating engine;~~

wherein said license rights package (original license rights package) further comprises metadata which may be utilized by said rating engine to:

- calculate a cost for a set of additional rights in said license rights package without contemporaneously connecting to a host system; ~~and~~
- modify said license rights package to include said set of additional rights; ~~and~~

- selectively transmit a charge associated with said additional license rights package and said account number associated with said license rights package to said host processor.

11. (original) A computer-implemented system for accessing digital content as claimed in Claim 10 wherein said additional license rights package may be structured to provide rights on a per use basis.

12. (original) A computer-implemented system for accessing digital content as claimed in Claim 10 wherein said additional license rights package may be structured to provide rights on a time spent basis.

13. (original) A computer-implemented system for accessing digital content as claimed in Claim 10 wherein said additional license rights package may be structured to provide rights on a subscription basis.

14. (original) A computer-implemented system for accessing digital content as claimed in Claim 10 wherein said additional license rights package may be structured to provide rights according to a quantum of digital content accessed basis.

15. (original) A computer-implemented system for accessing digital content as claimed in Claim 10 wherein said additional license rights package may be flexibly structured to provide rights according to the preferences of a customer.

16. (currently amended) A computer-implemented system for accessing digital content, the system comprising

- a media device further comprising a digital rights management system and a rating engine;
- a content server; and
- a license server;

wherein

- said content server is configured to store and index digital content;
- said license server is configured to store a plurality of data and algorithms to be associated with a particular set of digital content (digital content package);
- said media device is configured to access said content server to:
 - search said content server for said a-particular digital content package;
 - download said digital content package to said media device wherein said digital content package is further configured with an identifier; and
- said media device is configured to access said license server to:[[:]]
 - access a set of data and algorithms associated with said selected digital content package via said identifier;
 - create a license rights package for said downloaded digital rights;
 - charge said license rights package to an account associated with a consumer procuring said license rights package, said license rights package includes debitible parameters for accessing said digital content package;
 - incorporate said account number in said license package for future charges;
 - download said license rights package to said media device; and
- said digital rights management system:
 - confirms a license rights package exists when said consumer attempts to access said digital content package on said media device;
 - if a desired access is included on said license rights package; said digital rights management system debits said license package for said desired access and permits said access; and[.]
- said rating engine is configured to:
 - permit said license rights package to be modified when said media device is not contemporaneously connected to a host system;
 - store a charge for a modification, said charge associated with said account number; and
 - selectively transmit said charge to said host system.

17. (original) A computer-implemented system for accessing digital content as claimed in claim 16 said digital rights management system is further configured so that if a desired access is

not included in said license rights package, said digital rights management system prompts said consumer to renew or extend said license rights package by charging a renewal or extension to said account number associated with the inadequate license rights package.

18. (new) A computer-implemented system for accessing digital content, the system comprising a media device, said media device further comprises:

- a digital rights management system; and
- a rating engine;

said media device, said digital rights management system, and said rating engine utilized by a consumer to perform the following function:

- download said license rights package and a digital content package to said media device, said license rights package includes an account number associated with said first consumer and debitible parameters for accessing said digital content package;
- transfer said digital content package and said license rights package to a second consumer;
- debit said license rights package when said second consumer accesses said digital content package in accordance with a set of rights included in said license rights package;
- modify said license rights package without contemporaneously connecting to a host system by storing a charge associated with said account number contained in said license rights package for selective transmission to the host system.

19. (new) A computer-implemented system for accessing digital content as claimed in claim 18, wherein said license rights package further comprises metadata which may be utilized by said rating engine to:

- calculate a cost to renew said license rights package;
- modify said license rights package to renew said license rights package;
- store said charge associated with said account number for said renewal; and
- selectively transmit said charge to said host system at a time when said media device is connected to said host system.

20. (new) A computer-implemented system for accessing digital content as claimed in claim 18, wherein said license rights package further comprises metadata which may be utilized by said rating engine to:

- calculate a cost for additional rights in said license rights package;
- modify said license rights package to include said additional rights;
- store said charge associated with said account number for said additional rights; and
- selectively transmit said charge to said host system at a time when said media device is connected to said host system.

21. (new) A computer readable medium for accessing digital content, the computer readable medium having computer executable instructions stored thereon to configure a media device to perform the steps comprising:

- downloading a digital content package to said media device;
- creating a license rights package including an account number and debitable parameters for accessing said digital content package;
- purchasing said license rights package;
- downloading said license rights package to said media device;
- accessing a license storage on said media device;
- determining if said license rights package is available in said license storage for an access desired by a consumer.
- prohibiting access to said digital content package if said license rights package is not available for said access desired by said consumer;
- prompting said consumer to procure said license rights package if said license rights package is not available in said license storage;
- debiting said license rights package when said consumer accesses said digital content package in accordance with license rights included in said license rights package; and
- modifying said license rights package without contemporaneously connecting to a host system, the step of modifying further comprising using metadata included with said license rights package to:
 - calculate a cost for modifying said license rights package;
 - modify said license rights package;
 - store a charge associated with said account number contained in said license

- rights package for said modification; and
- selectively transmit said charge to a host system at a time when said media device is connected to said host system.